

Ray M. Staman, 87

Walnut — Ray Morton Staman, son of Levi and Mary Cook Staman was born April 28, 1801 near Walnut. He died Monday, Feb. 26, 1979 at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Amana, at age 87 years, 9 months and 28 days.

He was the youngest of four children and received his education in the rural school and Walnut high school. He married Helen Drake of Walnut on Feb. 11, 1914 at Z.D. Drakes. He was a member of the Walnut Presbyterian church. They farmed until WW II, when they moved to Walnut and he ran a steel-sharpening service. They moved to the nursing home in Dec., 1978, because of his failing eyesight and general health. They observed their golden wedding anniversary with an open house at their home and their 65th at the

nursing home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Mrs Chas (Vera) Seville, and Mrs Burton (Grace) Hammond and one brother, Jacob.

Survivors are his wife Helen, one daughter, Mrs Richard (Ruth) Robbins of Oskaloosa; a son, Gilbert Staman of Amana, two granddaughters, Janet Robbins of Minneapolis and Martha Robbins of Denver, Colo., and a grandson, Paul Staman.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 1, 1979 at the Walnut Presbyterian church with Orris Drake, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with George Mertz, Robert Richter, Bruce Loewenstein, Edwin Nevelyn, Robert Drake and Ernest Kreis serving as casketbearers.

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